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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, Applicant respectfully requests entry of this Preliminary Amendment for the above-captioned patent application.

**AMENDMENTS**

**In the Specification**

On page 1, line 5, between "This is a" and "continuation-in-part", please insert  
--continuation of U.S. Patent Application Number 08/641,259 filed April 30, 1996, which is a--.